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ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON ITS SEVENTEENTH SESSION

Draft report

Rapporteur: Andrew G. BANGALI (Sierra Leone)

ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION

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A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Commission on Transnational Corporations held its seventeenth session at United Nations Headquarters from 10-19 April 1991. The Commission held _____ meetings (1st to _____).

2. The session was opened by the Vice-Chairman of the sixteenth session, Mr. Adian Silalahi (Indonesia).

B. Attendance

3. The following States members of the Commission attended the session: Argentina, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Egypt, France, Gabon, Germany, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Republic of Korea, Romania, Sierra Leone, Switzerland, Tunisia, Union of Soviet Socialist

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Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Zaire, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

4. The following expert advisers attended the session: José Maria Basagoiti (Mexico), Antonio Colombo (Italy), Chakufwa Chihana (Malawi), Peter Frerk (Germany), Gosta Karlsson (Sweden), Laurence McQuade (United States of America), Karl-Erik Onnesjo (Sweden), Sylvia Ostry (Canada), Rudolph Oswald (United States of America), Oscar Schachter (United States of America), Oswaldo Sunkel (Chile), Wang Linsheng (China) and Nikolai G. Zaitsev (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics).

5. The following States Members of the United Nations were represented by observers: Canada, Finland, Guatemala, Hungary, Jamaica, Mali, Panama, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, Uganda, Venezuela and Yugoslavia.

6. The World Food Council was represented by an observer.

7. Representatives of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development also attended the session.

8. The following specialized agencies were represented: International Labour Organisation, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, World Bank, United Nations Industrial Development Organization.

9. The following non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category I, were represented by observers: International Chamber of Commerce, International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, International Organisation of Employers, World Federation of Trade Unions.

C. Election of officers

10. At its 1st and 2nd meetings, on 10 April, the Commission elected the following officers by acclamation:

Chairman: José María Borbón (Costa Rica)

Vice-Chairmen: José Lino B. Guerrero (Philippines)
Ole Kristian Holthe (Norway)
Misu Negritoiu (Romania)

Rapporteur: Andrew G. Bangali (Sierra Leone)

D. Agenda and organization of work

11. At its 1st meeting, on 10 April, the Commission adopted its provisional agenda, contained in document E/C.10/1991/1 (see annex I).

12. At the same meeting, the Commission approved the organization of work of the session as set out in document E/C.10/1991/L.2, as orally amended.

13. Also at the same meeting, the Commission took note of the information regarding expert advisers, contained in document E/C.10/1991/16.

14. At its 6th meeting, on 12 April, the Commission appointed the following Friends of the Rapporteur: Bagas Hapsoro (Indonesia), Tehmina Janjua (Pakistan), Albert Muchanga (Zambia), Jorge Osella (Argentina), Wojciech Ponikiewski (Poland) and Peter van Rens (Netherlands).

E. Documentation

15. The documents before the Commission at its seventeenth session are listed in annex II.